REMARKS

Claims 1-55 and 59 are pending in the subject application. The Examiner considered the amendment filed on July 6, 2004 as non-compliant because claim 47 was indicated to be

"currently amended," and the Examiner contends that the claim was not amended. However,

Applicants respectfully point out that claim 47 was amended as follows:

"...R₁ and R₂ are chosen from the side chain substituents of the synthetic and

biosynthetic...."

Favorable reconsideration in light of these remarks is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all claims are allowable as written and respectfully request early favorable action by the Examiner. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorney of record.

Applicants believe that additional fees are not required in connection with the consideration of the within matter. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105.**

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Respectfully submitted,

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